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Assistant Director for Operations

8 March 1957

Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report -- February 1957

ADMINISTRATION

1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 25X1A
28 February was [REDACTED]

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25X1A 3. [REDACTED] replaced [REDACTED] as Place-
ment Officer for FDD.

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25X1A 4. Intensive Rumanian Reading Class III with one student
began on 4 February.

[REDACTED] completed the NSA Burmese course on
21 February.

25X1A 5. On 20 February, the Division furnished Language and Area
School, OTR, with complete sets of FDD language examinations for
use in the Language Development testing program.

25X1A 6. [REDACTED] visited the Division
to acquaint FDD with the progress of the project and to express
appreciation for the assistance furnished by the Division.
[REDACTED] indicated the project may require additional Russian
and German linguists.

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8. A conference was held on 25 February with Documents
Division, OOR, to define more closely FDD reading requirements and
to eliminate needless transmittals.

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9. The FDD Career Service Board was formally established on 8 February. The first meeting was held 12 February; the Board will henceforth meet each Tuesday at 1400 hours.

10. [REDACTED] spoke on Korea at the OTR course on Americans Abroad on 18 February.

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OPERATIONS

1. On 13 February the Project Review Committee approved the FDD Field Office project. Subsequently, discussions were held by Chief, FDD, with various Agency offices on the implementation of the project.

2. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 44 cases of duplication totaling 1,451 pages.

3. During the month the first issues of two scheduled quarterly summary reports were published: 'Political and Sociological Report on Czechoslovakia' and 'Political and Sociological Report on Hungary.'

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5. Upon request of the Records Management Staff, FDD reviewed and revised its retirement schedule to cooperate with Record Center's space requirements.

6. On 13 February, FDD concurred in a Management Staff proposal for a new form to be used for information reports published by components of OO and the DD/P.

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7. FDD agreed to support an OSI contract with [REDACTED] on evaluation of Soviet research on 'free radicals' for guided-missile fuel by providing pertinent translations.

8. Commendations:

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From Chief, RQM/OTB, for a reverse translation of operational material, English to Spanish, performed by [REDACTED]

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From Office of Intelligence Research, State Department, an appreciation for the initial scheduled FDD Summaries No. 1149 "Political and Sociological Report on Rumania" and No. 1172 "Political and Sociological Report on Albania."

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From [redacted] warm thanks for making available to them the FDD translation of the Chinese "Northeast Encyclopedia."

9. Liaison activities (Other than CIA):

Department of State

With Division of Research for Far East, Mr. William Sherman, to discuss program guidance matters concerning FDD coverage of information on North Korea.

Department of the Army

With ACSI, Mr. Robert Plumb and Mr. Bert Towle, to discuss program guidance on the scheduled FDD Summary "Soviet Military Information Report."

With Logistical Intelligence Branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Mr. John C. Moser, to discuss FDD support for portions of Section G (Manufacturing and Construction) for the NIS on Italy.

10. Special services rendered:

DD/P -- For RQM/OIS, made a 29-page reverse translation, English to Hungarian, of the constitution of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation; also English to Spanish reverse translation of an eight-page document, "Requirements for Interrogation of Blue Source."

Office of Security -- For Administration and Training Staff, a reverse translation, English to Spanish, of a 36-page Handbook of Operation and Service of the [redacted]

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Department of the Navy -- A reverse translation, English to Turkish, of a one-page Public Information Office, USS Des Moines Publicity Release.

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Office of Training -- For Language and Area School, tested an applicant in spoken Korean.

11. Outstanding reports:

FDD Summary No. 1206 -- Survey of the Soviet Party Education System, 1950-1956 (description of the system itself, its history, recent changes therein, and developments in the various republics)

FDD Summary No. 1219 -- Scientific Information Report (20) (indications of disagreement on policy and possible factionalization in upper echelons of the Academy of Sciences USSR, pp. 118-125)

FDD Summary No. 1225 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (138) (detailed absolute and relative official figures of Chinese industrial expansion by economic sector and by year -- 1945-1955 -- including comparison with communist and capitalist countries, pp. 7-38)

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[REDACTED] - Monthly Information Report on North Korea (5) (North Korean Ministry of Coal Industry discusses planned coal output under new Five-Year Plan, mine rehabilitation, mechanization of transport, technical personnel shortage, and kindred problems, pp. 1-5)

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

The Division Chief's office was relocated, as was the Deputy Division Chief's, in a physical reorganization initiated by the need for more room for the CTS operation. The reorganization encompassed a space vacated [REDACTED]

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